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METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR AUTOMATIC GAIN CONTROL IN A SATELLITE For:

COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 9, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire September 9, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir.

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

Petition for Extension of time is attached hereto. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

An extension for ___ months(s) has already been secured; the fee paid therefor of is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made 冈 to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

The fee for claims is calculated below. \boxtimes

CLAIMS AS AMENDED ADDITIONAL HIGHEST NUMBER PRESENT **CLAIMS REMAINING** FĘĘ PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR EXTRA RATE AFTER AMENDMENT 0.00 18.00 = 16 0 Х 16 TOTAL CLAIMS 0.00 = 00.383 0 х 3 INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (Y/N) \$ 290.00 = 0.00 \$ MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS \$ 0.00 TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:

Please charge \$0.00 to Deposit Account No. 50-0383. Please charge any additional fees for claims or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0383.

Respectfully submitted,

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